

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## HONORING ART IBELETO

### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 8, 2021*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my good friend Art Ibeleto in commemoration of his substantial contributions to Sonoma County through his remarkable career as the Pasta King.

Art was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on October 2, 1926, but moved with his family to Sesta Godano, Italy, as a toddler. At age 17, he was drafted into Mussolini's Hitler-propped Republic of Salò Army, but shortly after joining the Army, he made the brave decision to join the Italian resistance and fight against the Fascists and Nazi Germany. Following the end of World War II, Art immigrated to Petaluma, California where he met his wife, Vicki Ghiradelli Ibeleto, and worked as a farmer, a mechanic, a truck driver, and a factory worker.

In 1961, Art purchased land in Sonoma County where he and his wife started building their business empire with a Christmas tree farm. In 1974, Art created the Spaghetti Palace as a booth at the Sonoma County Fair as a United Lodges, Sons of Italy project. As his booth grew in popularity, Art started building other businesses including a catering and freezer-case foods company, vineyards to grow premium wine grapes, and Art's Place, a popular Italian restaurant in Rohnert Park. As a restaurateur, Art gained notoriety for his savory dishes. He was dubbed the "Pasta King" by journalist Bill Soberanes and became known by that title for the rest of his career.

Art's contributions to the Sonoma County community extended beyond his entrepreneurial endeavors. Over multiple decades, Art held benefit pasta feeds that brought the community together to raise money for charitable, educational, and civil causes. Furthermore, Art co-founded the North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation and served as state president of the Order of the Sons and Daughters of Italy in America. For his contributions to the community, Art won a number of local, state, and congressional awards, including Representative MIKE THOMPSON's Fifth Congressional District American Dream Award in 2017, and a lifetime achievement award from Senator Mike McGuire in 2018. In 2021, I introduced a bill to rename the Cotati Post Office after Art to honor his contributions to the Sonoma County community. The bill was passed through the House Oversight Committee and was reported out of the Committee on June 29.

Madam Speaker, there is no doubt that Art's innovative entrepreneurship and selfless service made a profound impact on Sonoma County. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

## COMMENDING CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMS

### HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 8, 2021*

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, today I would like to recognize and honor the outstanding service of Christopher Williams, who retires this week after 30 years as a public servant at the Congressional Budget Office.

Christopher Williams joined CBO in 1991. He has served for many years as a principal analyst in the Macroeconomic Analysis Division. In that capacity, he played a pivotal role in producing and describing CBO's economic projections. Christopher developed and maintained the econometric model used to produce those projections and, later in his tenure, he took primary responsibility for generating and explaining CBO's projections of consumer spending and the components of national income. Christopher contributed regularly to CBO's annual reports, including The Budget and Economic Outlook, and worked on numerous CBO studies, which covered topics ranging from national health expenditures to the effect of foreign aid in economic development and the effects of tax policy on labor markets.

By all accounts, Christopher's colleagues at CBO appreciate his dedication, dependability, collaboration, and breadth of experience. They will miss his generosity with his time and knowledge and, especially, his kindness.

I know my colleagues will join me in extending our thanks and appreciation to Christopher for his service to our country. We wish him well in his future endeavors and hope that the Nation will continue to benefit from his expertise and commitment.

## HONORING THE CAREER OF CAPTAIN TODD D. MOORE

### HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 8, 2021*

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and commend Captain Todd D. Moore for his time as the Commanding Officer of Naval Submarine Base New London. After two and a half years of diligent service as the 52nd Commanding Officer of SUBASE New London located in Groton, Connecticut, Captain Moore turned over his command to Captain Kenneth M. Curtin, Jr. on September 24, 2021 at a Change of Command ceremony on the base with family, friends, and colleagues in attendance. Although his time as the Commanding Officer at Naval Submarine Base New London has concluded, Captain Moore's legacy with the U.S. submarine Force will live on as an impressive example of leadership during an unprecedented global pandemic.

Native to Willoughby Hill, Ohio, Captain Moore was quick to expand his horizons and achieve an education that spanned multiple states. He graduated from New York's Hamilton College summa cum laude with degrees in Physics and Classical Studies. From there, he enriched his military career path with a master's degree in National Security and Strategic Studies at the Naval War College. It is worth noting Captain Moore carried on the values of education throughout his career and the betterment of his naval service with his participation and completion of an advanced, joint warfare training at the Joint Forces Staff College's Joint and Combined War-fighting School in 2007.

Armed with a qualified educational background, Captain Moore was of course already on his way to a decorated and accomplished naval career prior to his time as Commanding Officer of SUBASE New London. He completed three deployments in the Indo-Pacific as a division officer aboard the USS *Pasadena*, as the Combat Systems Officer aboard the USS *Asheville*, and as the Executive Officer about the USS *Georgia*. He went on to serve as Commanding Officer of both the USS *New Mexico* and more recently the USS *Montpelier* immediately prior to his service as Commanding Officer of SUBASE New London. In his time in Command of the USS *New Mexico*, Captain Moore conducted the very first Virginia-class submarine surfacing at the North Pole and successfully completed a Northern Atlantic deployment.

Captain Moore served our nation in a wide range of capacities both on land and at sea. On the international front, Captain Moore played a role as the United Nations' Military Observer for the UN's peacekeeping mission in the Western Sahara, known as MINURSO. Notably, Captain Moore further directed his service toward our national security apparatus as branch chief in the Capability and Resource Integration Directorate at U.S. Strategic Command. Here in eastern Connecticut, Moore also spent time as the lead tactics instructor at the Naval Submarine School in Groton, Connecticut. Captain Moore continued his example of service as a Deputy on the staffs of Submarine Squadron Twelve and Four and as a Prospective Commanding Officer and Intermediate Leadership Course instructor for the Naval Leadership & Ethics Center.

Since 2019, Commanding Officer Moore has played an effective and crucial role as the man-in-charge of SUBASE New London. In his time as Commanding Officer for SUBASE New London, Captain Moore pursued campaigns to meaningfully connect with the naval community. This pursuit paid huge dividends when his stewardship of the base turned itself on its head with the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic employing his down to earth "nuts and bolts" leadership style, Captain Moore led his community through the worst of the pandemic, setting a nationwide example for morale and public health with the base achieving the highest vaccination rates among all Navy

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